

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the above-identified amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 in order to place the application in better form for issuance.

Claims 8 is presently amended to eliminate the term "thin plate." No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide a Supplemental Notice of Allowance prior to payment of the issue fee.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

Respectfully submitted,

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